

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: WD-126

Karen Shimamoto, Ranger Sisters Ranger District Deschutes National Forest P.O. Box 249 Sisters, Oregon 97759

Re: Metolius Wild and Scenic River Management Plan

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms Shimamoto:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the Metolius Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for review in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA Region 10 has used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of the draft EIS evaluating management strategies for the Metolius Wild and Scenic River corridor. Based upon the screen, we do not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, we will not be conducting a detailed review of the draft EIS.

If you have any questions, please contact me in Seattle at 206/553-2143.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Parkin, Manager

Geographic Implementation Unit

cc: Sue Kocis, Ochoco National Forest